

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/586,730 Confirmation No. : 8765
Applicant : T. SANO et al TC/GAU : 1775
Filed : June 16, 2008 Examiner : G. Prakash
Title : MICROORGANISM SEPARATION DEVICE
Docket No. : NIT-5435
Customer No.: 24956

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 3, 2011

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 4, 2011, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, including claims 1-6, 11 and 12. This election is made with traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTINGLY & MALUR, PC

By /Shrinath Malur/
Shrinath Malur, Reg. No. 34,663
(703) 684-1120